

SAMPLE



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NEWTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2022**

BALLOT 1 OF 3

Mary Jo McCullough
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTBOARD MEMBER

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE

RICK GONYER ☐

ROBERT MARCHAND JR. ☐

☐

(Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER**

for 3 years Vote for not
more than TWO

DAN GUIDE ☐

BARBARA WHITE ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

**PLANNING BOARD
MEMBER**

for 1 year Vote for not
more than ONE

JORDAN PIPER ☐

☐

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE

JAMES DOGGETT ☐

☐

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEE OF THE
GALE LIBRARY**

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE

☐

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

for 3 years Vote for not
more than ONE

WILLIAM LANDRY ☐

☐

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

for 2 years Vote for not
more than ONE

ROBERT DEZMELYK ☐

☐

(Write-in)

**SUPERVISOR OF
THE CHECKLIST**

for 6 years Vote for not
more than ONE

JULIE LAMERE ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TREASURER

for 2 years Vote for not
more than ONE

LISA GONYER ☐

☐

(Write-in)

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ARTICLES

2. Shall the Voters of Newton authorize the Planning Board to create and annually update a C. I. P. (Capital Improvement Program) in accordance with NH RSA 674:5? YES ☐ NO ☐

THE PLANNING BOARD DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 7-0

3. "Shall the Town of Newton raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **\$4,000,375.00**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,997,853.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

The estimated budget increase from the 2021 ACTUAL budget to the 2022 PROPOSED budget represents a tax impact increase of \$0.471 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

Default Budget would result in an estimated tax impact increase of \$0.467 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value.

YES ☐

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-1

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,200.00 to be deposited into the Engineering & Renovation Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015; said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.** This represents the Rental Fees received at 8 Merrimac Road.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$157,000.00 to be deposited into the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006, for the purpose of maintenance, repairs, and construction of Town Buildings.** Said funds to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

6. Shall the Town modify and expand the purpose of the Inspection Fees Revolving Fund to include paying for all aspects of the Building Safety Department? This would include, but not be limited to, thirty percent (30%) or more of the Code Enforcement Officer's salary, and up to one hundred percent (100%) of the equipment and supplies needed for the operation of the Building Safety Department. Ninety Percent (90%) of permit fees from the Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Electrical Inspector, and one Hundred Percent (100%) of permit fees from the Road Inspector and Health Inspector will be deposited into this fund. The money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's unassigned fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon the order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. This revolving fund was established in 2015 for the purpose of paying Inspector fees for permits.

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

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7. Shall the Town **modify and expand the purpose of the Police Special Details Revolving Fund to include the purchase and/or lease of equipment and vehicles for use in Police Special Detail work?** All revenues received for the police special detail will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purposes for which the fund was created. This revolving fund was established in 2007 for the purpose of paying Police Special Detail costs.

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Police Chief, the sum of **\$25,000.00** to be deposited into the **"POLICE CRUISERS AND EQUIPMENT"** Capital Reserve Fund created in 2021 for the purpose of maintenance, repairs and purchase of cruisers and equipment.

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article would result in an estimated \$0.038 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

9. To see if the Town of Newton will **allow the Newton Fire Department to enforce a Life Safety initiative** that would require all buildings or structures occupied in whole or in part for residential purposes and or retail businesses or commercial purposes upon the sale, transfer, rental, of such building or structure shall be equipped by the seller or owner with approved smoke detectors and approved carbon monoxide detectors as referenced in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72 & 101: RSA 153:10-a; Saf-C 6000. To include home occupations, home businesses, and accessory apartments before occupancy.

All commercial and or retail businesses shall be required to have annual life safety inspections as referenced in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1, 101, 13, and 72 Any fees collected under this section shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Town of Newton and placed into the "Uniformed Fire Watch Details" Revolving Fund for the Newton Fire Department established per warrant article 5 during the 2018 town warrant.

YES ☐
NO ☐

The Newton Fire Chief or his/her designee shall enforce the provisions of this town ordinance.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

10. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Fire Chief, to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000.00** to be placed in the existing Capital Reserve Fund known as the **"Fire Apparatus and Equipment / Refurbishment Fund"** voted in 2011.

YES ☐
NO ☐

This article would result in an estimated \$0.115 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

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11. Fire Alarms

This Town Ordinance is to regulate the use of fire alarms in the Town of Newton and to further regulate and control the false alarms that emanate therefrom. By definition, "alarm" is a signaling device of any description which is designed for the purpose of summoning the fire department of the Town of Newton. "False alarm" is an alarm that is activated and causes the response of the fire department of the Town of Newton where there is no valid cause or reason for the alarm to have been activated, including an alarm that is activated through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or negligence. An alarm shall not be considered a false alarm where it is activated by an act of God, including, but not limited to, power outages, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other uncontrollable circumstances.

Whenever an alarm is activated at a non-residential structure by whatever means with the result that there is a response by the fire department, a record of the alarm shall be made and kept by the fire department of the Town of Newton.

Whenever three (3) or more false alarms are caused within a twelve-month period, the owner(s) or person(s) in control of said alarm shall be subject to paying a fine of one-hundred and fifty dollars. Starting with the 4th occurrence and including each occurrence up to the 6th occurrence, the fine shall be four-hundred and fifty dollars, be it a business activation. Starting with the 7th and subsequent occurrences for the remaining fiscal year, the fine shall be seven-hundred dollars for each occurrence thereafter.

Any fines imposed and collected under this section shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Town of Newton and placed into the "Uniformed Fire Watch Details" Revolving Fund for the Newton Fire Department established per warrant article 5 during the 2018 town warrant.

YES ☐

Any alarm installed subsequent to the effective date of the town ordinance, which is an audible type of alarm, shall be equipped with an automatic shut-off device that will shut-off the audible component of the alarm within thirty minutes of the activation.

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 4-1

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,363.00 for the following Community Services:

AREA HOMECARE & FAMILY SERVICES	\$3,800.00
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER	2,000.00
DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS	2,500.00
HAVEN	3,050.00
NHSPCA	750.00
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION	5,000.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS	2,927.00
ROCKINGHAM NUTRITION MEALS ON WHEELS TRANSPORTATION	700.00
SOROCK COALITION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH	4,936.00
VIC GEARY CENTER	2,700.00
WAYPOINT	2,000.00
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	\$30,363.00

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article would result in an estimated \$0.047 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

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13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission the sum of \$4,500.00 for Recreational Programs and Trips for Newton Senior Citizens.
This article would result in an estimated \$0.007 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐
NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Recreation Commission, the sum of \$16,500.00 to hire four Part-Time Lifeguards, one Part-Time Supervisor of Lifeguards, and to purchase the necessary Safety Equipment, to oversee the safety of all swimmers at the Town Beach between May 2022 and September 2022.
This article would result in an estimated \$0.025 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐
NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

15. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 to be paid toward the 2022 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BUDGET as an offset to the recycling and disposal costs, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$60,000 from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐
NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

16. To see if the Town will vote, as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing or the rental of, a Dirt Screener, with the \$10,000.00 to come from the Transfer Station/Recycling Special Revenue Fund created in 2003 for this purpose.
This article would result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes

YES ☐
NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be deposited into the Skateboard Park Expendable Trust Fund created in 2021 for the purpose of repairing, constructing / reconstructing, and maintaining the skateboard park located in Greenie Park.
This article would result in an estimated \$0.015 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐
NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

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18. By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Newton to see if the Town will vote to **raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000** to support a **Lake Host Program at the Newton Town Boat Ramp for the 2022 summer season**. The Lake Host Program is a collaborative effort between NH Department of Environmental Services, NH LAKES and local lake associations. It trains and employs individuals to provide courtesy boat inspections to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive plants, such as milfoil, from one lake to another thereby protecting public lake uses such as swimming, fishing, and boating.

This article would result in an estimated \$0.003 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

In 2021 Country Pond Lake Association (CPLA) of Newton organized a Lake Host program that provided over 509 hours of inspection time at the Newton Town Boat Ramp. In 2022 CPLA plans to expand that to 565 hours of inspection time with a total cost of \$5,300. Funding for this program will come from town support via this warrant article, a matching NH LAKES grant and CPLA member donations.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, as proposed by the Trustees of Trust Funds, the sum of **Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00)** for the purpose of **increasing the stipend paid to the Trustees of Trust Funds** from \$750.00 to \$1,200.00 Monies to come from general taxation. (Majority vote required.)

This article would result in an estimated \$0.001 increase per \$1,000.00 of assessed value to be raised by taxes.

YES ☐

NO ☐

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN DOES RECOMMEND THIS ARTICLE 5-0

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT